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MEMORANDUM FOR: ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/IC

SUBJECT: Bureau of the Budget Survey on
Foreign Service Economic Reporting

1. After our discussion, we revise our comments as follows:

a. We feel that an Executive Order should be submitted only in the event that it becomes necessary to resolve points of difference on which the interested Departments and Agencies cannot agree. Detailed consideration is needed to determine whether or not agreement can be reached on the appropriateness of requests, the standards which shall govern the determination to transmit or not transmit requests and the assignment of priorities. If not, then an Executive Order appropriate to the situation could be submitted. We recommend, therefore, that the Proposed Order in its present form be withheld pending such consideration of the problems involved.

b. If the proposed Executive Order is to be submitted, we then recommend language which will reflect the basic responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence in the field of intelligence relating to the national security. For this purpose we suggest the following addition to paragraph 3 of the Proposed Order:

"In view of the responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency for intelligence relating to the national security, requests for information relating to such intelligence will be assigned priorities by the Director of Central Intelligence which will be honored within the capabilities of the Foreign Service."

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